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TAGS: PFOR PINS ID PT PO AS

SUBJ: GOI TALKS TOUGHER ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR(PT);

PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN RESUMES

REF: JAKARTA 11063 AND 11064

BEGIN SUMMARY AND COMMENT: STATEMENT BY GOI INFORMATION

MINISTER MASHURI FOLLOWING CABINET MEETING SEPT 9 SUG-

GESTED FURTHER HARDENING OF GOI POSITION VIS A VIS

ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS IN PT. MASHURI STATED GOI WOULD

VIEW ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOP EMISSARY AND FRETELIN

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FACTION ON FUTURE OF PT WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH

INDONESIA AS UNILATERAL ACTION VIOLATING TERMS OF
INDONESIAN-PORTUGUESE UNDERSTANDING, AND IMPLIED THAT
SUCH ACTION MIGHT PROVOKE INDONESIAN RESPONSE. SIMUL-
TANEOUSLY THREE ITEMS IN STATE NEWS AGENCY ANTARA
REPORTING ALLEGED SPLITS IN FRETELIN MOVEMENT, READINESS
OF PRO-INDONESIAN APODETI MOVEMENT TO LAUNCH GUERRILLA
WARFARE, AND ISSUANCE OF PRO-MERGER STATEMENT BY LEADERS
OF UDT FACTION AND TWO SMALLER POLITICAL GROUPS APPEAR
CONSTITUTE RESUMPTION OF GOI PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN
BUILDING JUSTIFICATION FOR POSSIBLE INDONESIAN INTERVEN-
TION. END SUMMARY AND COMMENT. END CONFIDENTIAL
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1. IN MEETING WITH PRESS FOLLOWING MEETING OF CABINET-
LEVEL POLITICAL AND SECURITY STABILIZATION COUNCIL
SEPT 9, GOI INFORMATION MINISTER MASHURI RE-EMPHASIZED
GOI OPPOSITION TO REPORTED PLANS BY GOP EMISSARY SANTOS
TO NEGOTIATE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OVER PT WITH FRETELIN
PARTY. MASHURI CHARACTERIZED ANY SUCH AGREEMENT AS
UNILATERAL "FAIT ACCOMPLI" WHICH WOULD VIOLATE UNDER-
STANDING BETWEEN SANTOS AND GOI ON PRINCIPLES OF
DECOLONIZATION. MASHURI STATED GOI HAD DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE
OF SANTOS' INTENTIONS TO NEGOTIATE SUCH AGREEMENT, AND
THAT THIS KNOWLEDGE NOT BASED ONLY ON PRESS REPORTING.
MASHURI REFUSED TO SPECIFY INDONESIAN REACTION IN EVENT
OF SANTOS-FRETELIN AGREEMENT IN DISREGARD OF GOI POSITION,
BUT COMMENTED ELLIPTICALLY TO EFFECT THAT INDONESIA STILL
HELD TRUMP CARD IN ITS POCKET AND THAT INABILITY OF GOP
TO CONTROL PT SITUATION ALREADY CLEARLY ESTABLISHED.

2. ITEM IN SEPT 9 EVENING BULLETIN OF STATE NEWS
AGENCY ANTARA HEADLINED "FRETELIN ONLY OCCUPIES FRACTION
OF PORT.-TIMOR" CITED REPORTS FROM INDONESIAN TIMOR THAT
"CONTRARY TO FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS," FRETELIN PARTY ONLY
IN CONTROL OF LIQUISA-AILIU-DILI-BAUCAU AREA AND NOT
ABLE PRESERVE SECURITY AND ORDER EVEN IN OCCUPIED AREA.
ARTICLE CITED ATROCITIES INCLUDING MURDER, BURNING AND
LOOTING. ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT UDT REMAINS IN CONTROL
OF SEVERAL AREAS INCLUDING BATUGADE, MALIANA, AND BOBONARO,
AND THAT MANY UDT MEMBER HAVE JOINED PRO-INDONESIAN
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APODETI MOVEMENT WHICH HAS ARMED SUPPORTERS "ALL OVER
THE COLONY" READY AT ANY TIME TO "LAUNCH GUERRILLA
WARFARE." ARTICLE STATED APODETI MEMBERS IN DILI ALONE
POSSESS 1,000 SMALL ARMS, AND THAT APODETI MOVEMENT IN
CONTROL OF "MOST OF INTERIOR OF COLONY" INCLUDING TOWNS
OF ATSABE AND MAUBESI. ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED CONTINUING
FLOW OF REFUGEES INTO INDONESIAN TIMOR, CITING EXPECTED
TOTAL OF 20,000 BY END OF SEPT 9, END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. COMMENT: REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC TOWNS CONTROLLED BY COMPETING POLITICAL FACTIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH OTHER REPORTS SUGGESTING FRETILIN NOW CONTROLS MOST OF NORTH COAST OF PT INCLUDING DILI AND BAUCAU, WITH OTHER PARTIES RESTRICTED PRIMARILY TO SMALLER AREAS IN WESTERN PT ADJACENT TO INDONESIAN BORDER. END COMMENT
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4. SECND ARTICLE IN ANTARA SEPT 9 EVENING BULLETIN QUOTES FORMER INDONESIAN CONSUL IN DILI, E M TOMODOK, AS STATING THAT FRETILIN MOVEMENT BADLY SPLIT BETWEEN PRO-PEKING AND PRO-MOSCOW COMMUNISTS. TOMODOK QUOTED AS SAYING WHICHEVER FACTION MANAGED TO DOMINATE FRETILIN, THREAT OF SUBVERSION IN COLONY AND OF INTERNAL STRIFE WITH IN PARTY WOULD REMAIN.

5. ANTARA MORNING SEPT 10 REPORTS SIGNATURE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE PT POLITICAL GROUPS OF JOINT PLAN TO MERGE PT INTO INDONESIA. PLAN REPORTEDLY SIGNED AT BATUGADE, PT, SEPT 7, BY LEADERS OF UDT (INCLUDING GENERAL CHAIRMAN LOPEZ DA CRUZ AND MARIO CARRAS CALAO, UDT POLITICAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN) AND REPRESENTATIVES OF KOTA AND "TRABALISTA" PARTIES.

6. COMMENT: KOTA PARTY IS MINOR PRO-INDEPENDENCE PARTY WHOSE FORMATION ANNOUNCED IN LISBON MAY 20 (LISBON 2954). REPORTED KOTA SIGNATORIES TO SEPT 7 JOINT PLAN INCLUDE JOSE MARTINS, CITED IN LISBON REPORT AS AUTHOR OF KOTA PROGRAM, AND FRANSISCO DIAS XIMENES WHO MAY BE RELATED TO PARTY "SPOKESMAN" THOMAS XIMENES MENTIONED IN LISBON
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REPORT. IDENTITY OF TRABALISTA PARTY UNCLEAR; THIS IS FIRST MENTION OF PARTY'S EXISTENCE OF WHICH WE AWARE.
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